ASSOCIATE

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Kent Toland has briefed cases in both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal, and has argued before the California Court of Appeal.

Kent handles a wide range of subject matters on appeal, including commercial real estate, personal injury, insurance coverage, premises liability, writs of attachment, and anti-SLAPP motions.

Kent also collaborates with trial counsel before and during trial to protect clients' interests and preserve the record for a potential appeal, including advising on dispositive motions, jury instructions, and special verdict forms.

As part of his practice, Kent enjoys volunteering pro bono. In 2025, Kent joined a team of GMSR attorneys to file an amicus brief in the Ninth Circuit advocating for providing housing to homeless veterans at the Veterans Administration's West Los Angeles campus.

Before joining GMSR, Kent was a litigator at a midsize California law firm. That in-the-trenches experience gave him a robust understanding of all phases of litigation, and makes him well-situated to advise clients and trial counsel on preserving issues for appeal.

Outside of his legal practice, Kent enjoys exploring national parks, reading history, biking along the coast, and spending time with his wife and children.

EDUCATION

J.D., Columbia Law School (2019), James Kent Scholar, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

B.A. in Government, Harvard University (2014), *magna cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
U.S. Courts of Appeals: Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Courts: All Districts in California

HONORS

> Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" (Appellate Practice) (2026-2027)

PUBLICATIONS

Feb 12, 2026 Making the Record: Preserving Issues for Appellate Review (ASCDC Verdict Magazine)

Aug 27, 2025 Before You Appeal: A Critical Pre-Appeal Checklist (Daily Journal)

SPEAKING AND INVOLVEMENT

2026	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, South Bay Bar Association, Civil Litigation Luncheon
2026	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Appellate Courts Section
2025	Before The Appeal: A California Litigator's Pre-Appeal Checklist, Beverly Hills Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- South Bay Bar Association (Co-Chair, Civil Litigation Section)

NOTABLE WINS

Nov 20, 2025	P.A. v. Plaza Towing, Inc. (Nov. 20, 2025, G063912) 2025 WL 3240325
Sep 16, 2025	People v. Superior Court (Prologis, Inc.)
Apr 16, 2025	Capitol Specialty Insurance Corporation v. Steadfast Insurance Company, et al. (9th Cir. April 16, 2025, No. 24-2314) 2025 WL 1121660